



Homework Policy

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We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Ryhill we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give homework?

- It can inform parents about work going on in class
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning
- It takes advantage of the home environment, resources and the chance for one to one adult time
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with others
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts
- It helps foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of secondary school.

Homework at our school

Whilst we support all of the above principles Ryhill Junior, Infant and Nursery School is not a place at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture the children's imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be manageable and fun for all concerned.

We do not specify amounts of time that must be spent on a task, preferring individual children and families to set their own routines. Individual teachers will be happy to advise you on this if you would like further clarification.

We hope children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; however discreet homework registers are kept and if a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is discussed with the child and parents and may result in a yellow or red card being issued.

Our routines and expectations

Year Group	Task	
Nursery	Reading	3 times a week (minimum)
Reception	Reading	3 times a week (minimum)
Years 1 - 6	Reading	3 times a week (minimum)
Years 1 - 6	Weekly Spellings	Given on set day to be arranged by class teacher and followed with mini spelling test
Years 1 - 6	Mathletics / Education City	This will be at the teacher's discretion and is

		optional. There is also the choice for children to attend Mathematics clubs after school
	Topic Grid	A topic grid will be issued to children before the start of a holiday. One piece of homework is to be completed as holiday work with the others being optional throughout the term.

** additional homework may be set at the teachers discretion.

We expect the children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and a sharp pencil (pen if they have a pen licence).

What to do if you have concerns

If you find the homework is inappropriate to your child or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you still have concerns after this please discuss them with Mrs Jones the Headteacher.